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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL TO ROC

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY JOHN SWANNER, STAFF DIRECTOR OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT CONCERNING POSSIBLE TRAVEL BY THREE MEMBERS OF HOUSE TO ROC. INVITATION TO VISIT TAIWAN WAS TENDERED BY ROC EMBASSY, ALLEGEDLY ON BEHALF OF "INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS" AND "PACIFIC CULTURAL FOUNDATION," BOTH OF WHICH WERE DESCRIBED BY EMBASSY AS PURELY PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. QUESTION OF THIS TRAVEL WAS BROUGHT TO COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION BY THREE CONGRESSMEN THEMSELVES, WHO ARE CONCERNED OVER PROPRIETY OF ACCEPTING INVITATION. SWANNER HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT FOR ANY INFORMATION WE MAY HAVE ABOUT THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY ANY CONNECTION WITH OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM GROC.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON "INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS" (WE ASSUME THIS MAY WELL BE THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND THAT IT DOES INDEED HAVE GROC CONNECTION) AND PACIFIC CULTURAL FOUNDATION WHICH WE CAN PROVIDE TO SWANNER IN THIS MATTER.

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3. FYI. ALTHOUGH SENATE HAS APPROVED SUCH TRAVEL FOR EDUCATIONAL OR RECIPROCAL PURPOSES, MATTER STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE. PENDING EXPECTED SIMILAR DECISION IN HOUSE, INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE IS NECESSARY. END FYI.

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